



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Visual devices in hearing impaired rooms		
Code Section(s)	Section 1007.2.9.1.5, California Fire Code (1998 ed)		
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1. ***Is the visual device required by this section intended to be part of the fire alarm system that requires that it comply with all the requirements of NFPA 72?***

Yes. While the State Fire Marshal (SFM) does not adopt Section 1007.2.9.1.5 of the 1998 Uniform Fire Code, SFM does adopt Section 1006.2.9.1.5 of the 2001 Uniform Fire Code. This later adoption requires that visible notification appliances in rooms for the hearing impaired must be operated by both the smoke detector in the room and the building fire alarm system. It also requires compliance with the installation requirements of NFPA 72.

2. ***Does a visual device built into a single station smoke detector and a separate visual device connected to the building fire alarm system meet the intent of this section, even though each will activate and operate independent of each other?***

Yes.

